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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS - AUSTRALIA, JULY, 1950.

Monthly records of employment referred to in this notice relate to all wage and salary earners except those in rural industry and female private domestic service, and therefore cover about 90 per cent of all wage and salary earners in employment. Figures quoted are subject to revision.

At the end of July, 1950 the number of persons employed (2,548,300) was greater by 1,400 than in June, 1950. The number of males in employment fell by 100 to 1,858,600 but the number of females rose by 1,500 to 689,700.

Comparisons of the numbers in employment in the months of May and July, 1949 and June and July, 1950 are as follows:-

NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA.

(Excluding Rural Industry and Female Private Domestic Service)
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Particulars	May, 1949	July, 1949 (a)	June, 1950	July, 1950
Males ..	1,787.1	1,687.9	1,858.7	1,858.6
Females ..	664.1	633.3	688.2	689.7
Persons	2,451.2	2,321.2	2,546.9	2,548.3

(a) An industrial dispute in coal mining affected total employment in June and July, 1949.

CHANGES IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS.

The main changes in employment in industries during July, 1950 occurred in Building and Construction with an increase of 500 males and in the Professional and Personal Service Group which showed a decrease of 100 males and an increase of 700 females.

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT.

Total male employment in factories remained unchanged during the month. There were decreases of 500 in Sawmilling, Woodworking, etc. and 400 in Miscellaneous Manufacture and increases of 800 in Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc. and 300 in Clothing.

There was a net increase of 200 in total female employment. The Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc. class increased by 400, Clothing by 100, and Paper, Printing, etc. by 100. Those engaged in the manufacture of Food, Drink and Tobacco decreased by 400.

EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

The number of persons employed in Australia by Public Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, the post office, education, police, public works, etc. and in administration increased by 1,500 during July to a total of 662,600. There was a decrease of 400 in the numbers employed by public authorities of the Commonwealth and an increase of 1,900 in those of State and Local Authorities.

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